

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the final Office action (Paper No. 20080206) mailed on 22 February 2008. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Listing of The Claims

Pursuant to 37 CFR §121(c), the claim listing, including the text of the claims, will serve to replace all prior versions of the claims, in the application.

Status of The Claims

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application.

Amendment of The Claims

Claims 1 and 7 are amended.

Issues Raised by Paper No. 20080206

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1 and 7, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,076,042 to Praturi et al.

Regarding claims 1 and 7, on page 2 of Paper No. 20080206, the Examiner stated:

“As concerns claims 1 and 7, a method/apparatus for performing common call processing management using a common software platform including horizontal components for providing common functions required in all communication systems (218), and vertical components for providing specific functions on the basis of communication systems (col. 4, lines 23-24), comprising the steps of: allowing a common agent

(column 21, line 61-420 basic control module) to perform corresponding operations including an operation of gathering Internet information (column 12, line 22) on the basis of a predetermined schedule irrespective of a manager's intervention; allowing an operations administration and maintenance module to administer and maintain a network in which the corresponding operations are performed on the Internet (column 13, lines 3-5 – OAM 218); and allowing a common call processor (column 2, lines 30-42) to manage a subscriber in response to a call signal provided from a physical component receiving a subscriber signal and set up a voice path (column 21, lines 38-40) on the basis of the call signal where the subscriber signal can be transmitted through the voice path.”

In addition, on page 3 of Paper No. 20080206, the Examiner stated:

“Claim 1 is drawn to a method wherein the method comprises steps which have been addressed as being anticipated by Praturi et al. '042, wherein the steps of the method do not recite the horizontal components. Furthermore the specification at 0007 recites that the horizontal and vertical components include the agent, OAM and common call processor. These elements have been addressed in the rejection above and since Praturi et al. '042 anticipates these elements it must also anticipate the horizontal and vertical components since it also includes the parts.”

Respectfully, claim 1 is amended to include the horizontal components and vertical components as the steps of the claimed method for performing common call processing management.

In addition, claim 1 is amended to recite that the horizontal components includes the common agent, the operations administration and maintenance module and the common call processor. This amendment is in accordance with paragraph [0026] of the original specification. Paragraph [0026] of the original specification reads:

“As shown in Fig. 1, the horizontal components having the common functions required in all communication systems include a common agent 111, a common OAM (Operations Administration and Maintenance) module 112, a CCPM (Common Call Processing Management) module 115...”.

Accordingly, each of the common agent, the operations administration and maintenance module, and the common call processor provides common functions required in all communication systems, and thus can be reused in various communication systems.

First, Praturi '042 fails to disclose horizontal components for providing common functions required in all communication systems. The Examiner erroneously suggests that Praturi's operations, administration, and maintenance (OAM) module 218 is equivalent to Applicant's horizontal components. But nowhere in Praturi '042 does Praturi suggest that the OAM 218 can provide communication functions required in all communication systems.

Secondly, Praturi '042 fails to disclose that each of the common agent, the OAM, the common call processor can provide common functions required in all communication systems.

Thirdly, Praturi '042 fails to disclose a common agent for gathering Internet information on the basis of a predetermined schedule irrespective of a manager's intervention. The Examiner argued that Praturi's basic control module is equivalent to Applicant's common agent, and that Praturi '042 discloses Internet information “at least at col. 21, line 30 – col. 22, line 7

wherein information for the protocol is gathered for network communication” (page 4 of Paper No. 20080206). Applicant respectfully submits that col. 21, line 30 – col. 22, line 7 of Praturi ‘042 merely discloses the structure and functions of protocol-based network 412, protocol stack 414, and signaling adapter 416, and nowhere in Praturi ‘042 does Praturi ‘042 disclose that the basic control module gathers protocol information. Therefore, the Examiner’s assertion that Praturi’s basic control module is Applicant’s common agent is groundless.

In summary, Praturi ‘042 fails to disclose Applicant’s horizontal components, vertical components, and common agent. Consequently Praturi ‘042 fails to disclose each and every element in claims 1 and 7. Claims 1 and 7 are patentably distinguishable over the prior art.

Entry of the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Applicant respectfully requests the amendments of claims 1 and 7 to be entered because the amendments present the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal. According to 37 C.F.R. 1.116(b)(2):

“An amendment presenting rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal may be admitted”.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all claims are deemed to be allowable and this application is believed to be in condition to be passed to

issue. If there are any questions, the examiner is asked to contact the applicant's attorney.

No fee is incurred by this Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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